

Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP
Intellectual Property Law2040 Main Street
Fourteenth Floor
Irvine, CA 92614
Tel 949-760-0404
Fax 949-760-9502
www.kmob.com**RECEIVED**
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
MAR. 10 2006**Facsimile Transmittal Sheet**

ORIGINAL WILL NOT FOLLOW

Confidentiality Notice:

The documents accompanying this facsimile transmission contain confidential information which may be legally privileged. The information is intended only for the use of the recipient named below. If you have received this facsimile in error, please immediately notify us by telephone to arrange for return of the original documents to us; and any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this faxed information is strictly prohibited.

TO: Amendment Branch
USPTO FACSIMILE NO.: 571-273-8300
USPTO REFERENCE: Applicant: Samuel M. Shaolian, et al.
Serial No.: 10/642,399
Filed: August 15, 2003
Title: ARTICULATING SPINAL FIXATION ROD AND SYSTEM
ATTORNEY: Rabinder N. Narula
PHONE NO.: 949-721-2890
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: VLINK.033A
TOTAL PAGES: 8 (INCLUDING COVER SHEET)
DATE: March 10, 2006

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ALL OF THE PAGES, PLEASE CALL BACK IMMEDIATELY.

Facsimile Operator Phone Number: (949) 760-0404

Direct Line to Machine: (949) 760-9502

MESSAGE: *Attached for filing in the above-referenced application are:*

- Transmittal Letter
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant
- Power of Attorney w/copy of Assignment

2424403
031006San Diego
619-235-8550San Francisco
415-954-4114Los Angeles
310-551-3450Riverside
951-781-9231San Luis Obispo
805-547-55802396964
031006

Docket No.: VLINK.033A

Customer No. 20,995

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 10 2006

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

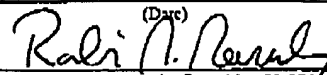
Applicant : Samuel M. Shaolian et al.
App. No : 10/642,399
Filed : August 15, 2003
For : ARTICULATING SPINAL FIXATION
ROD AND SYSTEM
Examiner : Eduardo C. Robert
Art Unit : 3732

CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked
attachments are being facsimile transmitted to the Patent
and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

March 10, 2006

(Date)


Rabinder N. Narula, Reg. No. 53,371

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing
5 references to be considered by the Examiner.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final
action and before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. This Statement is accompanied by the
fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 3-10-06By: 

Rabinder N. Narula
Registration No. 53,371
Attorney of Record
Customer No. 20,995
(949) 760-0404

2000939
030906

03/14/2006 WABDELRI 00000006 111410 10642399

01 FC:1806 180.00 DA

PTO/SB/08 Equivalent

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Application No.	10/642,399
	Filing Date	August 15, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Samuel M. Shaolian
	Art Unit	Eduardo C. Robert
(Multiple sheets used when necessary)	Examiner	3732
SHEET 1 OF 1	Attorney Docket No.	VLINK.033A

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number Number - Kind Code (if known) Example: 1,234,567 B1	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	4,657,533	04/14/87	Oscarsson	
	2	4,653,481	03/31/87	Howland et al.	
	3	5,042,982	08/27/91	Harms	
	4	5,728,112	03/17/98	Yoon	
	5	2002/0143341 A1	10/03/02	Biedermann et al.	

2000926
101806

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
<p>*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</p>	

T¹ - Place a check mark in this area when an English language Translation is attached.